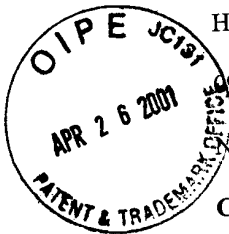


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CORRECTION LETTER

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At this time Applicant would like to enter a request for correcting errors present within the Filing Receipt of the above-referenced application (a copy of the Filing Receipt with the changes marked in red ink is attached hereto). Please note that the Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant is incorrectly listed on the Filing Receipt as This Application Is A CIP Of 09/499,830 02/08/2000 which is a CON on 08/743,376 11/04/1996 PAT 6,203,881 which is a CON of 08/468,707 06/06/1995 ABN which is a DIV of 08/205,834 03/03/1994 PAT 5,545,276 and a CIP of 09/587,654 06/05/2000. The Continuing Data as Claimed by Applicant should be blank as per our Preliminary Amendment dated March 2, 2001 (copy attached). Please make this correction. It is Applicants' understanding that no fees are associated with this Correction Letter; however, if a fee is required, please deduct any necessary amount from deposit account 04-0500.

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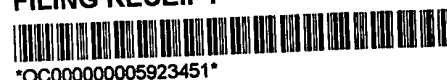
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Prior to a first Office Action on the merits, please delete any claim to priority to earlier cases by amending the above application as follows:

~ Page 1, delete lines 4 – 13, "CROSS-REFERENCE...June 5, 2000." in there entirety.

A new Declaration without any claim to priority to earlier applications will be provided.

REMARKS

Following entrance of this Amendment and replacement of the Declaration, this application will no longer claim priority to any earlier applications.

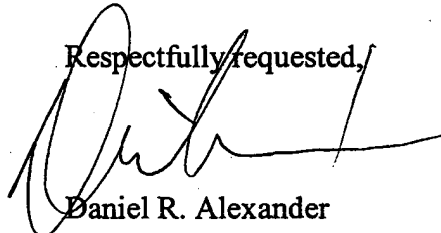
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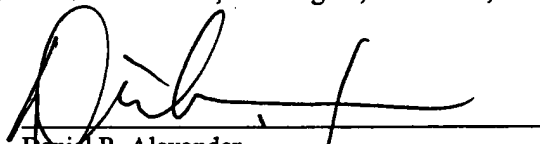
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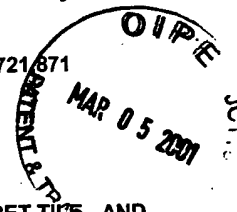
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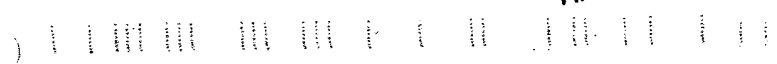
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